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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, Travel Policy Committee

FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Educational Travel Benefits for Dependents

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 17 Mar 76 to DDA fr Chairman, Travel  
Policy Committee, subj: "Adoption of Annual  
Student Travel Benefits Available to the  
Department of State."

1. I have reviewed the referent memorandum and very much appreciate your views. There were a number of special considerations in this case which resulted in it being handled in a slightly different manner.

2. The initial authorization for the Department of State to modify the educational travel benefits was contained in legislation which became effective October 26, 1974. The Department did not have the funding to implement the new benefits at that time, but they published the revised instructions with the proviso that they would not become effective until the Department obtained its funding for FY 1976. This meant that the benefit was not actually available until November 1975, but that the regulations were published and distributed a year in advance.

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4. I certainly agree that there are inequities involved in any system which provides benefits to half of the employees and not to the others, although this has frequently happened as a [redacted] OLC has included this item in the legislative package presented to our Congressional Committees for FY 77. In addition, the Interagency Committee on Benefits and Allowances for Government Employees is seeking legislation which would make the benefit available to all government personnel overseas. I will assure that you are kept advised of developments in this area.

Signed: John F. Blake

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